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Town of Weare Finance Committee

Minutes of the Meeting of November 17, 2010

This meeting of the Finance Committee was held in the Conservation Committee Room of the Town Office and was called to order by the chairman at 7:00 p.m.

Present were Jill Dagenais, Gregg Elwood (chairman), Johnna Grzywacz, Neal Kurk, John Rauscher, Ike Shepard, Jeff Spring and Mark Sullivan. Also in attendance were town administrator Naomi Bolton, town road agent Carl Knapp and library Christine Hague.

1. **Co-secretary appointed:** at the suggestion of the chairman, Jill Dagenais was selected as co-secretary.

2. **Budget presentations:** the following budget presentations were made:

a. Police department: Chief Begin was unavoidably delayed and was unable to make a presentation.

b. Highway department and transfer station: Carl Knapp discussed his budgets. There was discussion about reducing transfer station costs by encouraging a greater rate of recycling by residents.

c. Library: Christine Hague pointed out the library now serves two very different generations, the paper generation and the electronic generation. Library usage was discussed and certain data requested.

d. Town administrator: Naomi Bolton provided a quarterly budget update for the quarter ended September 30, 2010.

e. John Stark budget: Mark Sullivan noted the SAU's presentation of its initial draft of the John Stark budget was akin to a first date. It showed a 3% increase, due largely to increased special education costs. The school board requested a flat budget for the next iteration. The default budget will be ready in December.

f. Weare school budget: Jill Dagenais noted the budget proposed a 1% increase in appropriations, also due largely to increased special education costs.

2. **Minutes:** the minutes of the October 20, 2010, meeting were approved as drafted.

3. **Next meeting:** the chairman announced the dates of the next school board meetings -- John Stark on December 8th at 6 p.m. and Weare schools on December 14th at 6 p.m. He scheduled the next Finance Committee meeting for December 15th at 7 p.m. in the Conservation Committee room.

4. **Adjournment:** the chairman adjourned the meeting a 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Neal M. Kurk, Secretary